

REMARKS

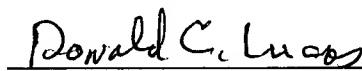
Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 3, 6, 7, 20 and 21. The non-elected claims have been cancelled but applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed thereto.

Claims 1 to 3, 6, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over the Ashida et al patent. However, this ground of rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4 which was deemed to be allowable. Since all of the claims remaining in the application are dependent upon claim 1, it is deemed that all of the claims are now allowable for the same reasons as claim 4 was initially. Therefore, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicant's patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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